

## House Republican Press Release

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### Representative Googins to Retire



HARTFORD - State Representative Sonya “Sonny” Googins, (R-Glastonbury) Assistant Minority Leader, announced today that she will be retiring from the State Legislature upon completing her sixth term in January. “I will not seek re-election, having completed 28 totally enjoyable years in elected office for the Town of Glastonbury. It’s time to get my golf handicap down,

challenge my husband on the golf course, and see more of my grandchildren,” she said. “I’m confident” she added “that the next generation is ready to take over. I’ll miss being in the middle of it all, but I’m ready to play full time! It has been a singular honor to serve the citizens of this wonderful town for all these years.”

During her nearly 30 years of public office, 8 terms on the Town Council and 6 terms in the legislature, Mrs. Googins specialized in issues involving regional cooperation for town/state efficiencies. She served as Chairman of The Capitol Region Council of Governments (CRCOG) and Chairs the state’s Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (ACIR).

Representative Googins currently serves on the Appropriations, Commerce and Higher Education and Workforce Committees. She has also been a member of the Labor and Planning and Development Committees and been Ranking Member of Housing, Higher Education and Commerce. “I’ve learned something new just about every day. I’ve had an incredible education from all these committees and my fellow legislators on both sides of the aisle.”

During her tenure she championed economic development and job training and protection of the environment. She promoted open space acquisition for the state and authored the local legislation that created Glastonbury’s Land Acquisition Fund that enabled the town to acquire hundreds of acres of open space.

Googins advocated for state funds that supported enlarging the town library, removed the tank farm and helped construction of the Riverfront Community Center and other town projects over the years. She is a National Advocate for the American Diabetes Association and successfully introduced passage of favorable medical insurance coverage for people with Diabetes.

Googins worked for passage of legislation to benefit youth such as enhanced education funding at all levels, graduated teen driver licensing and control of underage drinking at house parties.

Mrs. Googins said that she expects to remain involved in local organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce, Youth Services events, and Hartford Symphony concert presentations, The American Cancer Society Relay For Life and others. She noted that she will continue to serve on several state boards and commissions as well.